

Amendments to House Bill No. 7  
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Requested by Representative Dave Kasten

For the House Appropriations Committee

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1. Title, page 1, line 8.

**Following:** "GRANTS;"

**Insert:** "TRANSFERRING FUNDS;"

2. Title, line 10.

**Following:** "MCA"

**Insert:** ", AND SECTION 2, CHAPTER 473, LAWS OF 2003"

3. Page 1, line 17.

**Following:** "up to"

**Strike:** "\$1 million"

**Insert:** "\$800,000"

4. Page 1, line 19.

**Strike:** "\$4,196,500"

**Insert:** "\$4,496,500"

5. Page 3.

**Following:** line 7

**Insert:** "Flathead Basin Commission

(British Columbia-Montana Action Plan) \$300,000"

6. Page 4, line 5.

**Insert:** "NEW SECTION. Section 6. Fund transfer. On July 1, 2007, there is transferred from the reclamation and development grants special revenue account established in 90-2-1104 \$4.3 million to the renewable resource grant and loan program state special revenue account created in 85-1-604."

**Renumber:** subsequent sections

7. Page 4, line 26.

**Insert:** "**Section 8.** Section 2, Chapter 473, Laws of 2003, is amended to read:

"**Section 2. Approved grant projects.** (1) The legislature approves the grants listed in subsection (2), to be made in the order of priority as indicated within the following list of projects and activities. If the conditions in [sections 3 and 4] are met, funds must be awarded up to the amounts approved in this section in order of priority until available funds are expended.

Funds not accepted by grantees or funds not used by higher-ranked projects and activities must be provided for projects and activities lower on the priority list that would otherwise not receive funding. Descriptions of the various projects and activities and specific conditions established for each project and activity are contained within the department of natural resources and conservation's reclamation and development grants program report to the 58th legislature for the 2005 biennium.

(2) The following are the grants program prioritized projects and activities:

Applicant/Project Grant Amount

Big Horn Conservation District

(Ground Water Monitoring--Tongue & Powder River Watersheds) 300,000

Sunburst, Town of

(Sunburst Water Supply Renovation) 185,249

Governor's Office

(Growing Carbon) 300,000

Board of Oil and Gas Conservation

(Oil and Gas Plug and Abandonment) 200,000

Toole County

(2003 Plugging and Abandonment) 240,000

Board of Oil and Gas Conservation

(2003 Northern District Plug and Abandonment) 300,000

Board of Oil and Gas Conservation

(2003 Southern District Plug and Abandonment) 100,000

Department of Environmental Quality

(Washington Mine and Millsite Reclamation) 300,000

Powell County\*

(CMC Roundhouse Site Cleanup) 76,400

~~Department of Environmental Quality~~

~~(Drumlummon Tailings, Goldsil Mine Waste Reclamation) 300,000~~

Sheridan County Conservation District

(Reclaiming Oilfield Brine Contaminated Soils) 150,000

Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

(Planning Grants) 50,000

Fergus County Conservation District

(Central Montana Aquifer Project) 150,000

Judith Basin Conservation District

(Judith Basin Aquifer Restoration and Conservation) 70,000

The project grant identified with an asterisk (\*) is contingent on the transfer of the site that is 14.5 acres located south of Milwaukee avenue to Powell County without compensation to the current owner.

(3) To the entities listed in this section, this appropriation constitutes a valid obligation of these funds for purposes of encumbering the funds within the 2005 biennium pursuant to 17-7-302."

**Renumber:** subsequent sections

8. Page 4, line 29.  
**Following:** "[Section"  
**Strike:** "7"  
**Insert:** "9"

9. Page 5, line 1.  
**Following:** "through"  
**Strike:** "6"  
**Insert:** "8"

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Explanation -This amendment is a committee report for all the actions recommended by the LRP subcommittee.

Items 1 & 2: Changes to the title for the changes included in this amendment.

Item 3: Reduces the project planning grants by \$200,000 to provide more funds for the regular grant program.

Item 4: Increases the appropriation of RIT interest used for RDGP grants.

Item 5: Adds a grant for the Flathead Basin Commission to fund the British Columbia-Montana Action plan.

Item 6: Provides a transfer of \$4.3 million in funds from the RDGP state special revenue account to the RRGL state special revenue account, to reduce the large negative ending fund balance in that account (HB 6).

Item 7: Eliminates the Drumlummon project, approved in the 2003 version of HB 7. This project was not moving forward. The funds will now be shown as an increase of \$300,000 in the RDGP account beginning fund balance for the 2009 biennium.

Items 8 & 9: Renumber references in the bill.

### HB 116 Funding and HB 6 & HB 7 Appropriations

Unreserved Fund Balance (July 1, 2007)			
RRGL Program Account (02272)	(\$543,947)		
RDGP Program Account (02458)	<u>3,315,006</u>		
Total Grant Program Fund Balance (July 1, 2007)		\$2,771,059	
Natural Resource Project Account Distribution			\$1,385,530
HB 116 Natural Resource Project Revenues			
(per HB 116 Fiscal Note)			
RIT Interest	\$7,000,000		
RIGWA Tax	603,000		
Oil and Natural Gas Tax	4,422,000		
Excess Coal Tax Proceeds	250,000		
STIP Earnings	5,000		
Administrative Fees	<u>25,000</u>		
			<u>12,305,000</u>
Available Funds			\$13,690,530
Current LRBP Appropriation Recommendation			
HB 6			
Emergency Grants	(\$100,000)		
Project Planning Grants	(400,000)		
Irrigation Development Grants	(300,000)		
Comprehensive Irrigation Grant	(100,000)		
Project Grants	<u>(5,000,000)</u>		
Total		(\$5,900,000)	
HB 7			
Project Planning Grants	(\$800,000)		
Project Grants	<u>(4,496,500)</u>		
Total		(\$5,296,500)	
Total Grant Appropriations			<u>(11,196,500)</u>
Natural Resource Projects Fund Balance Under HB 116			\$2,494,030